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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School..... 9:30 A. M.
Church Service..... 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 2 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Children's Day service, Sabbath morning, July 2nd.

Midsummer Communion services, Sabbath morning, June 25th.

Ice Cream Festival and Musical by the Young People, Thursday evening, June 29th.

At the Children's Day service July second, an opportunity will be given for the baptism of children.

During the pastor's recent absence from the city the pulpit was filled one Sabbath morning by Secretary Burns of the R. R. Y. M. C. A.; and on the second Sabbath, by Mr. Hiram Filley. Both of these brethren have spoken for us upon former occasions, and their addresses have always been well received and were instructive and helpful to our people. We are very grateful to these men for their services.

Gldys Martin has been quite sick, but is now very much better.

The choir will begin some systematic work in the rehearsing of some beautiful new music selected by Mrs. Zartman while on her trip.

The supper given by Section No. 5, Thursday evening, June 8th, was well attended and every person had a good time. The net receipts were about \$23.00.

Parents, show your interest in your church and in your children by attending the Children's Day Service at Grace Church, Sunday morning, July 2, at 10 o'clock. "Blossom Time" the service prepared by the Reformed Church will be used on Children's Day.

Births.

A daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Payne, April 29.

A daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpper, May 16. *(Dorothy)*

A son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank More, May 18.

We extend hearty congratulations to these families, and we hope to see these babies soon enrolled in the cradle department of our Sunday School.

TRIP TO THE EAST.—Monday morning, May 14, the pastor and family started for a trip to the East, the objective point being Allentown, Pa., where the General Synod of the Reformed Church convened Tuesday evening, May 15th. We started on our trip over the Wabash via Detroit and Buffalo. When we boarded the train we found that we were to share the company of a number of other delegates en route for General Synod; Rev. Philip Ruhl, pastor of the Salem Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, and his Elder, Rev. Pretzer, pastor of the Reformed Church at Huntington, and a number of delegates from the West. We had a delightful trip together. We reached Detroit at noon, crossed the river, traveled through Southern Canada, our first experience in traveling thro a foreign land; reached Buffalo at 7:40 p. m., and were transferred to Niagara Falls where we landed at nine o'clock. Two of the ladies from the West made the trip with us to the Falls. After the ladies were comfortably housed at the hotel, we took a stroll down to the rapids and saw the falls by moonlight. The next morning the whole party was out almost by daylight, and took a walk down to the American side of the Great Falls and passed across the bridge leading to Goat Island. At seven o'clock we were back to the hotel for our breakfast. After breakfast we secured the service of a coachman who took us to points of special interest. We made the trip around Goat Island, to the Horse Shoe falls, Three Sister Islands, over the bridge to the Canadian side, &c. This was

our first visit to the Falls. We had heard and read so much about this wonderful panorama of nature, but we are frank to say that the half had never yet been depicted to us. Niagara Falls must be seen to form any adequate conception of what they are. Not another such a sight on the continent as these great falls. Tuesday at about eleven o'clock we resumed our trip Eastward. When we came to East Buffalo and boarded the Black Diamond express, on the Lehigh Valley for Allentown, we fell into company with our good brother, Welker, from Bluffton, and also had with us Rev. H. C. Nott, of Milwaukee, Rev. C. Z. Heyl, of Monticello, Miss. The trip from Buffalo down the Lehigh Valley was most enjoyable. The mountain scenery for fifty or more miles, as we approached Allentown, was beautiful. The season of the year had much to do with the beauty and charm of the scenery. Thro Northern Pa. the fruit trees were just in full bloom and everywhere in the mountain districts there was a profusion of wild flowers, such as mountain laurel, the wild honeysuckle, &c. We reached Allentown at 7:45 p. m., just in time for the opening session of Synod. We heard the sermon of the retiring president, Rev. J. H. Prugh, of Pittsburg, Pa. Synod was organized and by a unanimous vote Rev. A. E. Dahlman, of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected president. We cannot enter into any detailed account of the business transacted by Synod. Can only say that the sessions were harmonious and full of interest from beginning to the close. There

was a large representation and we were delighted to meet so many old friends and acquaintances at Synod. Allentown is a great Reformed center. The church has a membership of over 7,000 in the city, with Reformed churches in abundance everywhere thro that section of the State. Tuesday evening, May 23, Mrs. Zartman and Josephine accompanied the pastor's brother, Rev. R. C. Zartman, to his home in Philadelphia. Synod adjourned Wednesday afternoon, May 24, and at 6:30 that evening we landed in the old city of Brotherly Love. It was a great privilege for us to spend some days in this brother's home. Ten years had gone by since we had last seen his wife and two daughters; and the little daughter, Josephine, we had never seen; Mrs. Zartman's mother and sister we had not seen for many years. We had a happy and interesting visit with these friends. Possibly we may never be able to duplicate such a visit again. We were out sight-seeing almost every day. Saw many things of interest. The United States Mint, Old Independence Hall. The Old Bell, Betsey Ross' House, Christ Church, where the Father of our country used to worship; Benj. Franklin's grave, Pennsylvania University, City Hall, Wannamaker's great store, Fairmont Park and many other places. Sabbath, May 28, we attended services at Heidelberg Reformed church and preached for our brother. It was a pleasant day for us. We met a great many of the people of that wide-awake and aggressive church. In the evening

they had a musical which brought out a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. Zartman, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Zartman, of Fort Wayne, rendered a duet which elicited many favorable comments. Heidelberg church has been making a continuous and substantial growth during the present pastorate extending over a period of fourteen years. Wednesday morning, May 31, we said good-bye to our friends at Philadelphia and started on our homeward journey, with a stop-off at Washington, D. C., for a day, then over the B. & O. up the Potomac river through the mountains to Martinsburg, Va., and Cumberland and Pittsburg, reaching Canton, Ohio, Thursday 11:30 p. m. June 1, we spent Friday at Canton with Mrs. Zartman's father. Leaving Mrs. Zartman and Josephine at Canton we reached home Saturday evening, June 2, ready for the service on the following Sabbath. We had a pleasant and profitable trip, it was instructive and restful to us. We shall always have many pleasant memories of this visit to the East.

Ice Cream Festival and Musical by the Young People, Thursday evening, June 29th.

Mrs. Schaaf still continues quite ill. We are hoping that there may soon be a change for the better, and that she may improve very rapidly.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has sold her property on East Main St. She and Miss Maggie Haverley are now residing in Lakeside with Mrs. Mason Long.

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Children's Day.

Grace Church will celebrate Children's day July the 2nd, at 10 a. m. This announcement should be sufficient to interest every member and friend of Grace Church. The time has come when it should no longer be expected that the pastor and a few others should do all the work preparatory to this event and then be obliged to plead with the children to take part. Parents can do much to encourage the children to be active in whatever work the Church may demand of them. A word of discouragement; an indifferent spirit on the part of parents is soon manifest in the child's attitude to the Sunday School and the Church. The superintendent or teacher can soon discriminate between the children of parents who are active in the Church and those who are indifferent. The prevailing opinion among even church people that children should be allowed to choose for themselves in reference to spiritual affairs but that they must be under the direction of parents concerning less important matters is to be regretted. How much are the parents of Grace Church interested? A few questions recently published in a parish paper, if answered by the membership of Grace Church, will give an index to your spiritual standing.

Do I at all times give wise spiritual counsel to my children?

Do I say to my children go to Sunday School or come let us go to Sunday School?

Am I an example of faithfulness to my children?

Do I allow a frivolous excuse to keep my children from Sunday School, such as: being tired, a visit to a friend, etc, when on Monday it would require a reasonable one to keep them from day school?

Parents your children expect faithfulness on your part. They are disappointed when you do not measure up to the standard of a true Christian. Your unfaithfulness, your sugarcoated actions, your unwise indulgence will only bring a harvest of deceitfulness and unrighteousness in your children. Be done with half hearted service and give your life to Christ and His kingdom, then you need not fear the harvest.

Twenty-Second Anniversary

Sabbath morning, June 11th, Grace Church celebrated its Twenty-second anniversary. Owing to the continuous bad weather the attendance was not so large, but we had a delightful service. This was also the seventeenth anniversary of the present pastorate. The pastor spoke briefly of the founding and growth of Grace church, and then dwelt at some length upon the present opportunities of the church. Grace church is now in a position to do aggressive work. Fort Wayne affords great opportunities for missionary work. While a difficult field to work, it is a field of great possibilities.

There are hundreds of families in the city which have no church homes, and many of them are available to the church, if only the proper effort is made to secure them. The pastor emphasized the fact, that the Sunday School is the most fruitful source of ingathering for the Church and urged the Church to give special attention to this department of work, and make every effort possible to secure children for the Sunday School. For the past three months a special effort has been made to enlarge the Sunday School, and as a result about fifty new scholars have been enrolled. If the whole Church might have been enlisted in this effort, it would have been a very easy matter to have increased this number to one or two hundred. However this campaign has just begun, and the pastor now asks the whole Sunday School and Church to take up this work and push it vigorously. The summer months may not be so favorable for the ingathering of the children but we mean to continue the work, and keep up the enthusiasm for the work in the coming autumn and fall. There is one thing for which the pastor has been pleading for a long time, and that is for an attendance on the part of the members of the Church. There should be a Bible class in the Sunday School of the men and women of the Church, numbering several hundred. Why can we not enlist the interest of the parents in the Sunday School and have their presence? This is done in other churches. The pastor has a class in the auditorium, every Sunday morning and he will be more than pleased to see this class grow to an enrolment of several hundred. Will not the parents and members of the Church take up this work and give us their help

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I John 2:15-17; 3:1-3. Elsie Weikart
9 The indwelling Christ. Col. 2:6-10;
3:8-16. Edith Hobson
16 The message of the flowers. Matt.
6:28-34; Jas. 1:9-11. Lulu Bitner
23 Preparing for our heavenly home.
Phil 3:20, 21; Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16.

Lookout Committee.

- 30 Missions in Japan. Micah 5:2-4, 12, 13.
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AUGUST

- 6 First fruits for God. Lev. 23: 9-14;
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13 The building of character. II Peter
1: 1-11; Jude 20:21. Prayer Meeting Com.

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